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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Awadhesh K. Mishra Confirmation No.: 7018  
Serial No. : 09/321,766 Customer No.: 30623  
Filed : May 28, 1999  
Art Unit : 1618  
Examiner : Zohreh A. Fay  
For : **Thermoprotected Compositions and Process for Terminal Steam Sterilization of Microparticle Preparations**

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

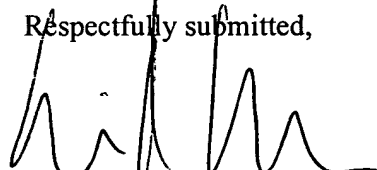
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the Office Action is due on or before March 21, 2007. A check in the amount of \$1,020.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

No additional fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 28069-503). A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Dated: March 21, 2007

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